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Stampeders' Roy Finch runs the ball against the Edmonton Eskimos during the Labour Day Classic. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

CLASSIC VICTORY

Stampeders down Eskimos 45-24 metroSPORTS

Low-income transit plans funded for 2017

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Alberta committed to backing sliding-scale passes

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

City administration says it won't need to scrape up extra cash right away to implement its sliding-scale program for Calgary Transit low income monthly passes.

In a report going to the city's community and protective services committee on Wednesday, administration says it won't need extra funding to counter any additional shortfall up to the end of 2017.

The program — set to start early in 2017 — will tie the cost of a transit pass more closely to one's income on a sliding scale, meaning some people could pay as little as $5.15 a month for a transit pass.

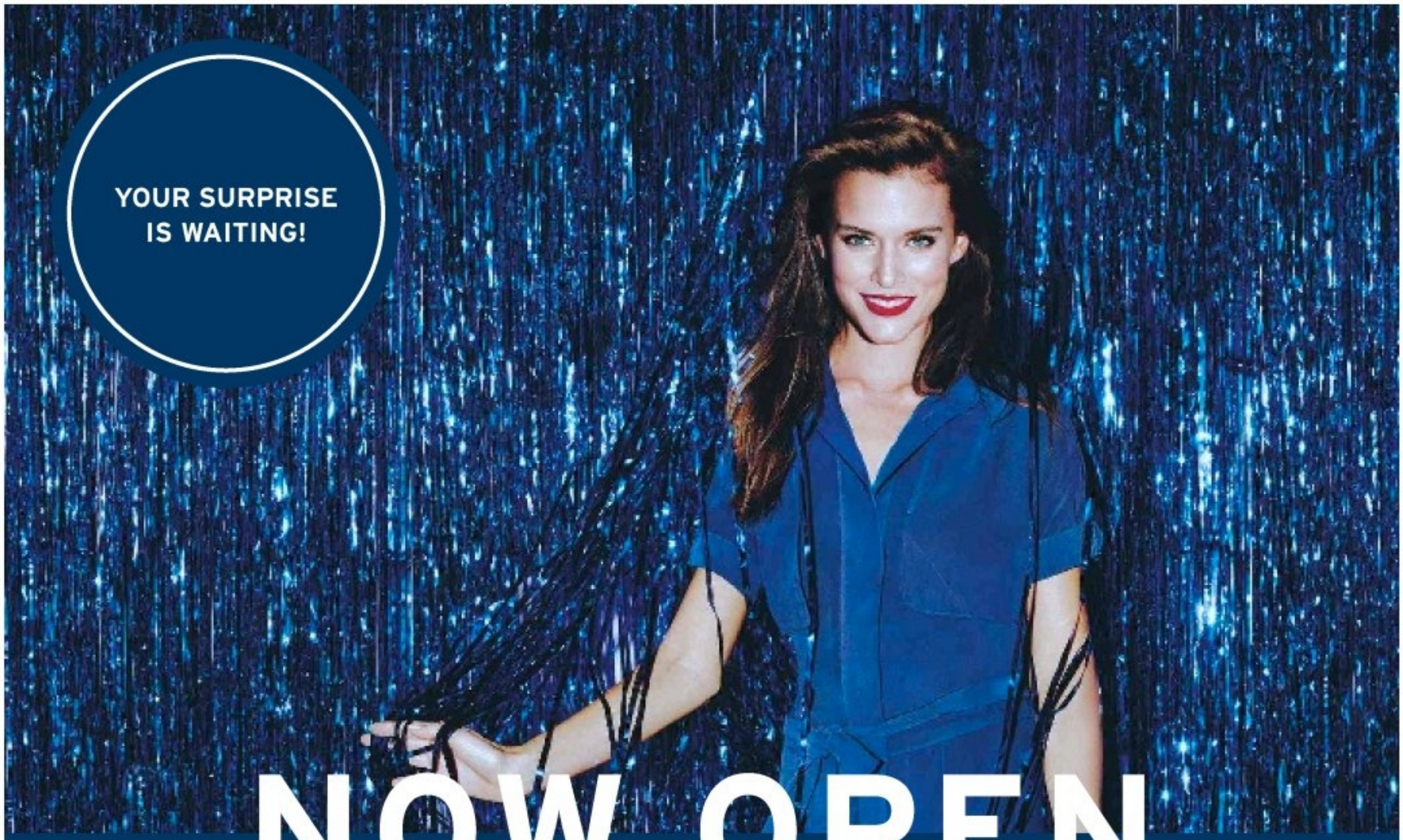
The current price is $44 for anyone who qualifies.

The sliding-scale model was made possible by a $13.5-million funding commitment from the province. Administration is projecting that beyond that provincial funding, the revenue shortfall will be $255,000 in 2017, $490,000 in 2018, and $1.5 million in 2019.

Coun. Shane Keating, chair of the city's transportation committee, said the program could offset some of its costs as more people purchase the discounted pass.

"You may have more people buying the pass, which may supplement it a bit because they couldn't afford it before but now they can," he said.

Administration says it will continue to look for ways to pay for the program as the expected revenue shortfall grows over the next three years. The hope is that the program will become sustainable in the long run.



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Apple's new iPhone 7 could see the end of the headphone port. **Business**

Beakerhead fuses art, science

CULTURE

Annual festival features more than 60 events across the city

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

A high-energy collision of science and arts is heading towards Calgary — Beakerhead smashes into town from Sept. 14 to 18.

The annual events partner with local businesses and experts to host more than 60 events throughout the city to add a few clicks to Calgary's cultural compass.

For newbies, Beakerhead president and co-founder Mary Anne Moser shares her five favourite events to check out this year.

Torched

Six of Calgary's top chefs get together in a warehouse to forge a unique culinary experience.

"The chefs are doing crazy things like meat turning on a spit that's being run by the drive train of a car," explained Moser. "There's a conveyor belt with your vegetable dish coming in little tins, and a big fire pit in the middle with meat roasting, served on wooden plates you can throw back into the fire."

Torched helps open Beakerhead on Sept. 14.

Beakernight

The streets of Bridgeland will be making room for a massive outdoor art gallery.

"You can see crazy things like fire-breathing flowers and a human-sized hamster wheel," Moser said. "A beautiful light installation from an outfit in France is making its Canadian debut."

There will also be live music, interactive works and the popular Beaker Bar.

Beakernight takes place on Sept. 17.

River Walk

Take a walk along the river from Inglewood to Kensington — and if you're on your bike, check out the Chain Reaction route.

A string of free encounters and installations have been set up.

"It's quite spectacular. It'll turn your head — jolt your expectations," laughed Moser.

Take in a show

Each night has a different show, full of very diverse topics.

Moser said it's worth taking in a few. One takes place in a pub to explain the science of revenge. See the human side of discovery as seven storytellers talk science, with a healthy dose of music, at the National Music Centre, or tune in to a rock and roll history of space exploration.

Hands-on Workshops

Or learn a new skill. Workshops are offered by professionals to teach you — really teach you — a new trick.

Make the perfect chocolate chip cookies while learning chemically and physically what makes them the best. Or learn the science of perfume and leave with samples.

Make your own spicy rub while hearing the history of spice, or build your own furniture from concrete.

1 With the appearance of the Beakerhead astronaut at Pride, the annual event is gearing up for its upcoming launch. FACEBOOK

2 This year's workshops include board games with an expert — play Operation with a surgeon or Pandemic with a microbiologist. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

DETAILS

Beakerhead is described as a smash-up of science and arts.

- "(Calgary) has the highest concentration of engineers for a city of its size in Canada — if not North America, and an incredible art and culture scene," said Beakerhead president Mary Anne Moser. "Mash those two things together, and you have a powerhouse."
- The annual event is meant to be fun and show Calgarians something new, while contributing to the local culture.
- For a full list of events, visit www.beakerhead.com.

Syrian refugees and police square off in soccer match

SPORTS

Game friendly in more ways than one

Mathew Silver
For Metro | Calgary

On Labour Day, it was a soccer game that taught the true meaning of respecting opponents.

The Calgary Police Service men's recreational soccer team challenged a group of Syrian newcomers, the Syrian Soccer Sons, in a tune-up for the North American Police Soccer Tournament (NAPST) set to take place from Sept. 7-9 at the Calgary Rugby Union.

The friendly exhibition, which took place at Forest Lawn High School on Monday, was the brainchild of the Calgary Police Service.

According to staff sergeant Graeme Smiley, along with being good preparation for the NAPST, the game was an opportunity for officers to learn more about the Syrian community in Calgary.

"The goal is to get involved in early intervention and unique programming that assists all phases of youth development, and that certainly included the concept of people new to our city," said Smiley.

The Syrian squad is comprised almost entirely of young refugees, some of whom couldn't have imagined such an amicable relationship with authorities in their former home country.

And while the Soccer Sons proved to be a worthy opponent of Calgary law enforcement, the on-field conflict brought on smiles instead of strife.

Members of the Calgary Police Service and Syrian Soccer Sons stand together just before kick-off at an exhibition soccer game on Labour Day. MATHEW SILVER/FOR METRO

It was seeing those same smiles that convinced Abdullah Chybli, head coach of the Syrian Soccer Sons, to commit his time to the team.

Citing a bevy of other responsibilities, Chybli said that he was reluctant to coach the team at first, but conceded after seeing photographs of the smiling in practice before they even had a coach.

Since then he has been impressed with the initiative of the players. He said they ride transit from all corners of the city to play the game they love, something that gives them a sense of community.

Sentiment aside, there was a game to be played. And while the match itself was billed as a friendly, the play on the pitch told a much different story. Both sides, it was revealed, came to win.

What the Syrians lacked in size and stature, they made up for with spirit, mounting a clinical attack against some of Calgary's finest.

> **The goal is to get involved in early intervention.**
> Graeme Smiley

Ali Elgandour was arguably the man of the match for the Sons, who after burying a breakaway goal of his own, sent Ahmed Abdullah free with a nifty ball off the outside of his foot. Abdullah lifted the ball over the keeper to give the Syrians a 3-2 lead.

And when the Sons needed a goal with the police leading 4-3 in extra time, it was Abdullah again who tied the game amidst a mad scramble in front of the net.

When the final whistle blew, the score was tied 4-4.

As it turns out, feel-good stories don't always need a clear winner.

COURT

Hearing begins for judge

A hearing is to begin Tuesday for a Federal Court judge who asked a sexual assault complainant why she couldn't just keep her knees together.

The Canadian Judicial Council is to determine whether Justice Robin Camp, who made the comments in 2014 while a provincial court judge in Calgary, should be removed from the bench.

Camp acquitted a man of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old girl after deciding that the man's version of events was more credible.

Court transcripts show Camp questioned the woman's morals, suggested her attempts to fight off her attacker were feeble and described her as "the accused" throughout the trial.

He asked her: "Why couldn't you just keep your knees together?" and said "pain and sex sometimes go together."

The verdict was overturned on appeal and a new trial was ordered.

"The council was created in 1971 ... and since that time there have been 11 public inquiries, so it's not a common occurrence," said Johanna Laporte, the judicial council's director of communications.

Camp is expected to be at the hearing. He has indicated he wants to continue serving as a judge and that he plans to apologize.

"He believes he can make a positive contribution as a member of the Canadian judiciary. He will strive to keep improving and to keep learning," said a notice of response outlining Camp's position that was posted on the council's website.

It also said he has undergone training and counselling with a superior court judge, a psychologist and an expert in sexual assault law. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Residence still rules for new students

UNIVERSITY LIFE

People flock to on-campus housing despite cheaper options

Bryan Passifiume
For Metro | Calgary

Saving a few bucks is taking a backseat to the complete collegiate experience, say city schools.

High vacancy rates and low rents aren't deterring this year's crop of first-year university students from living on campus says Mark Keller, Mount Royal University's director of resident services.

"Our numbers of new applicants were actually quite high," he said, adding MRU's student residence occupancy rate is around 96 per cent.

"Our returning students were a bit lower, but that could have been due to having a few more options and looking around a bit more."

Across town, University of Calgary residences saw record numbers of students moving into campus housing over the weekend.

Numbers released by the school suggest that around 2,000 students will call the U of C home this year.

First-year students made up a little under half of that number, up from 715 last year.

While living on campus does indeed contribute to having the "complete" university experience, MRU residence life coordinator Laura Collings said students who live in residence face unique challenges.

"The biggest is that they're living away from home — a lot of them for the first time," she said.

"So we really need to make sure they feel safe, that they can go to their RA for anything — that's what we strive for."

This is the situation facing first-year communications student Jordan Lee, who spent the long weekend moving into his new room at Mount Royal.

He said choosing to live on-campus wasn't a difficult decision.

"It's definitely is a new adventure for sure," Lee said.

"With the atmosphere here at school, I just thought that during my first year I'd get to know more people.

"For me, it's important to make friends — the more friends you make, the more opportunities you'll have."

It's that social aspect of post-secondary life that plays a large role in a student's eventual success, said Ben Reid, Lee's RA at MRU.

"When you look at it, there really isn't an extra expense living on campus, because you get what you pay for," the fourth-year-old criminal justice student said. "If you're looking for a two-bedroom apartment, you're going to look for the cheapest one you can get. If you're looking for the atmosphere and the life-long partnerships, you come to a place like university — to have those encounters and interactions."

First-year Mount Royal University student Jordan Lee looks over orientation materials while moving into the school's residences over the weekend. Calgary schools are seeing record numbers of students choosing to live on-campus over other options. BRYAN PASSIFIUME/FOR METRO

RAILWAYS

Train collision second in a month for Canadian Pacific

Saturday's collision between two Canadian Pacific freight trains in the city's southeast was the second such incident to affect the Calgary-based railway in a month.

Hundreds of litres of fuel spilled Aug. 21 after a CP freight train sideswiped another in mid-town Toronto a little after 5 a.m. — a collision that had the federal Transport Minister demanding answers.

Saturday morning's crash saw a westbound train roll into the rear of a second that was stopped on the tracks along Ogden Road and 50th Avenue S.E. just after 9 a.m. — a short distance from the railway's corporate headquarters — sending locomotives off the tracks and scattering shipping containers across the ground.

Crews attend the scene of Saturday morning's collision. BRYAN PASSIFIUME/FOR METRO

The crew of the crashed train was allegedly based out of Medicine Hat, Metro learned on Monday. The crash occurred on a curve just inside the limits of nearby Alyth Yard — uncontrolled territory that requires trains to operate at what the Canadian Rail Operating Rules defines as "reduced speed" — one that will "permit stopping within one-half the range of vision of equipment."

While a railway spokesperson only said the crash was caused by human error, fatigue among CP crews has been under Transport Canada scrutiny this year.

In January, federal railway inspector Todd Horie ordered Canadian Pacific to change crew rest and dispatching procedures in B.C. to address fatigue issues.

BRYAN PASSIFIUME/FOR METRO

IN BRIEF

Premier walks in Calgary Pride parade

Premier Rachel Notley says the province has made big strides in improving sexual minority rights.

Notley took part in Calgary's annual Pride parade on Sunday, noting that since she was elected to the legislature in 2008, the province's human-rights code included protection for people on the basis of sexual orientation.

Tens of thousands of people lined the route to watch the Calgary parade this year, which included 4,000 participants.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary startup MicroMech will dispatch its mechanics to your location for repair requests. AARON CHATHA/METRO

Startup's mechanics are on call

AUTO REPAIR

MicroMech services cater to needs of customers

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Calgary startup MicroMech wants to turn your garage into, well, a garage.

The new company centres around bringing mechanics right to your door, to save you time and money when you need an oil change, break service or even if your car just doesn't feel like starting.

Jeff Ehmann, founder of MicroMech, said his service helps Calgarians who don't want to take an afternoon out to do routine maintenance on their car, but still want a mechanic they can trust.

"We like our customers to be very comfortable with who we're sending to them," he explained. "So, if you contact us with a BMW, we're going to send you a mechanic who's familiar with BMWs."

Users can request specific mechanics if they're available, and Ehmann said MicroMech can save customers about 30 per cent for a service.

They simply log on to the site, explain what they need and usually within an hour they'll get a quote. If the quote works for them, a mechanic will be dispatched out to their home or office.

They cover about 80 per cent of services on site — stopping shy of replacing transmissions and overhauling engines on a customer's driveway.

Ehmann said they've been able to attract a number of skilled and experienced mechanics quickly because of their low overhead costs — it means mechanics are getting paid more, have more control over their own hours and don't need to worry about the nitty, gritty details of running a business.

MicroMech sets up the clients, orders parts and takes care of the paperwork.

Ehmann hopes the company's transparency will convince more customers to take advantage of the service, feeling safe in their decision.

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CAPITOL HILL

Residents unhappy about proposed cell tower

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

Plans to build a cell tower in the city-owned Confederation Park golf course is meeting resistance from some people in the neighbouring community of Capitol Hill.

Vera Gartley received a pack of information in the mail because she lives within 300 metres of where the proposed tower could be. She's now hoping to rally others in her community to attend the community meeting on Sept. 15.

Gartley said she already suffers from Wi-Fi sensitivity, and has read about the potential health hazards from cell towers.

Information on the federal government's website notes it has created safety regulations with built-in margins to protect the public from any possible radiation hazards.

This isn't the first time residents near the Confederation Park Golf Course have campaigned against a cell tower. In 2011, people in nearby Rosemount took issue with a tower that had already been erected in that community. At the time, they were suggesting the tower be moved to the golf course.

Keith Sharkey, a former Rosemount Community Association board member, said their concerns were primarily about aesthetics, but also with how close it was to people's homes.

They were somewhat successful with their campaign.

"That cell tower that was there had to be taken down and replaced with one that met the standards," said Sharkey

Gartley said her petition will only be calling for a delay, so residents can have more time to perhaps propose alternative locations for the tower.

The meeting is set for 5 – 7 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Rosemont Community Association, 2807 - 10 Street NW.

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CRIME

Stabbing victim rushed to hospital

Bryan Passifiume
For Metro | Calgary

No arrests have been made after a man was seriously injured in a stabbing Monday morning in the city's southeast.

Just after 2:45 a.m., emergency crews were called to the 4900 block of 17 Avenue near 48 Street SE to find the victim — a man in his 30s — critically injured with a stab wound in his abdomen.

It's believed the man was injured during an altercation at an area establishment.

Paramedics arrived to what EMS spokesperson Stuart Brideaux described as a chaotic scene.

"We arrived at a scene that was full of commotion and noise," he said. "We took the patient quickly into the ambulance and tried to get off-scene as quickly as possible."

> **We arrived at a scene that was full of commotion and noise.**
> Stuart Brideaux, EMS spokesperson

The victim was rushed to Foothills, where his condition was upgraded to serious, but stable.

Anybody with information is asked to call police at 403-266-1234, or anonymously through Crime Stoppers.

ELECTRICITY CONTRACTS

Alberta open to talks on power dispute

Alberta's deputy premier says the province is open to negotiating an out-of-court deal to resolve a potential $2-billion power dispute with private operators.

But Sarah Hoffman says the bottom line is that Alberta consumers shouldn't be on the hook for enormous losses in power prices.

And she says any change in the government's climate-change plan is off the table.

"We've been open to conversations for quite some time," Hoffman said. "(But) we're not going to stand there and let companies that made $10 billion in profits pass on what projections say could be $2 billion or could be less (in losses.) We don't think it (the original contractual arrangement) is legal."

A number of private operators are seeking to return money-losing electricity deals to the province that they say were made more unprofitable by Premier Rachel Notley's new climate rules.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mark and Janet Bec decided life couldn't wait. When the economy (and their jobs) went south, they went east to Europe.
MATHEW SILVER/FOR METRO

Livin' la dolce vita

TRAVEL

Couple deal with downturn by taking tour of Europe

Mathew Silver
For Metro | Calgary

Mark and Janet Bec found an unlikely answer to an all-too-familiar problem.

When both of them were faced with unemployment in an economic downturn, they decided to do what so many other fifty-somethings wouldn't dare — they booked a year-long vacation in Europe.

But this wasn't just some flight of fancy.

The couple was forced to re-evaluate their priorities when they were devastated by the loss of six friends to terminal illnesses. Mark and Janet realized that retirement just couldn't wait, and decided to make their dreams a priority.

"When you see tragedies happen — friends facing cancer — it makes you put things into perspective," said Mark.

The couple will celebrate their 30th anniversary in Italy and renew their vows, something they have been itching to do since they visited Italy almost a decade ago.

This time, their travels will take them through Scotland, Ireland, England, Serbia, and Slovenia, with a visit to Carnivale in Venice for good measure.

The couple began saving about a year ago, and have created an extensive spreadsheet to earmark their spending. Mark and Janet have left their two children on house duty in Calgary, and plan to save money by house-sitting abroad and staying in Airbnb's.

According to the Becs, some cheap accommodations, reasonable flights in Europe, and a few home-cooked meals along the way will allow them to stay within their budget.

Let me guess, you want to know how much it costs to eschew employment and travel across the world for the year? Mark said that number is right around $50,000.

They even plan to stay in a dorm room when they take language and cooking classes in Italy. And while they can only imagine who their roommates will be — maybe some beer-guzzling students? — they said they certainly won't shy away from the nightlife."We plan on trying the wine in every region that we're in," said Janet.

Follow their travels at www.markandjanettraveltheplanet.com

XFest draws thousands to Fort Calgary

MUSIC

Fan holds spot, roses for Twenty One Pilots

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Despite the chilly breeze, sore feet and throngs of emotional, screaming fans at her back, super fan Emily Burton managed to keep her front row spot at XFest — arms over the barrier — for a hard-earned 10 hours on Sunday.

The entire time she gripped two red roses in her hand to give to Tyler Joseph and Josh Dun of Twenty One Pilots, the band that closed this year's XFest event.

"They're a really special band," Burton said from her spot below the stage. "They hit home for me. It's about the music for them, not the money, you know? They make a difference and bring people together."

It was Burton's 11th time seeing the band, having followed them through Vancouver, Seattle, Portland and other cities across North America.

A festival veteran, she braced for the cold in a zipped onesie under her jacket, surrounded by best friends she met at other concerts.

Taking place outside Fort Calgary, the two-day event was full of stories like Burton's, of music lovers coming together to watch their favourite artists perform, and hopefully discover a few new acts as well.

Officials said the festival drew about 10,000 people per day, with big draws coming for acts like Twenty One Pilots, Halsey, The Lumineers and Vance Joy.

Bands like July Talk drew 10,000 people. AARON CHATHA / METRO

Education Minister David Eggen has written to the pastor of a private school society indicating he must offer a policy for LGBTQ students. METRO FILE

LGBTQ RIGHTS

Eggen tells private school head to comply

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Education Minister David Eggen has told the chairman of a private Christian School that he must comply with legislation requiring schools to support LGBTQ students.

Metro obtained the letter that Eggen sent Friday to Pastor Brian Coldwell, who is the chair of the Independent Baptist Christian Education Society, in response to the pastor's public statements about LGBTQ policies.

> **I just wanted the pastor and the school to be aware.**
> David Eggen

The society runs two private schools in Parkland County and Coldwell has said he doesn't intend to comply with the province's requirement that schools supports GSAs and accommodate transgender students.

Earlier this year, Eggen asked schools across the province to submit policies outlining how they would accommodate transgender students and Gay Straight Alliances.

In the letter, Eggen said the society's policies leave him with doubts.

"Given the content of that submission, and in particular recent statements that have been attributed to you in the media, I have serious concerns about your board's intent to comply," wrote Eggen.

Eggen has set a deadline of Sept. 16 for Coldwell to provide documentation that makes it clear the private schools will follow the law: "I require that you provide me with written assurances that Independent Baptist Christian Education Society is complying and will continue to comply with all applicable legislation."

On Monday, Eggen said the letter was a way of underscoring that something had to be done.

"We will see what comes of it. This is a serious situation and I just wanted the pastor and the school to be aware of the situation," he said.

Eggen said pulling the schools' funding is a possibility, but he won't take that decision lightly.

"It is very important to try and work something out that is sensible."

Ex-soldiers use medical pot

MEDICINE

Data highlights popularity of drug with PTSD sufferers

When he opened a medical marijuana shop in Kingston earlier this year, Trevor Hands had little idea who his customers would be, how much they would buy or how his business would grow simply through word of mouth. He does now.

Business is booming for Hands, thanks in large part to an influx of business from a single demographic: former Canadian Forces soldiers.

A review of Veterans Affairs Canada data on medical marijuana users, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act, suggests the number of users has grown most dramatically in those parts of the country where marijuana shops and clubs cater to a local population of military veterans.

Are those businesses simply meeting demand — or creating it? Usage rates — and the commensurate federal costs — are generally higher in those areas where the stigma and barriers to medical marijuana use have been lowered or eliminated, said Zach Walsh, a University of British Columbia psychology professor.

Trevor Hands is the founder of Medi-Green. Business is booming for Hands, thanks to an influx of business from a single demographic: former Canadian Forces soldiers. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Marijuana clubs and shops play a key role in removing those barriers, he said.

"The reason we see higher concentrations in areas where it's promoted is because it gives the individuals with PTSD the opportunity to find out that it works," Walsh said.

Veterans are proving well-educated about the potential benefits of pot, said Mike Southwell, vice-president of Marijuana for Trauma, which helps clients to understand the drug and navigate the federal benefits program that pays for it. Once cannabis helps one veteran, they tell two others, and so on and so on, said Southwell.

"If a veteran tells another veteran about something that is working for disability, you can be guaranteed that they will tell a hundred other vets."

It's that kind of growth the federal government wants to get under control. The Liberals are expected to announce changes to the medical marijuana program in the coming weeks after years of exponential growth — and soaring costs.

This year, the program is expected to carry a price tag of $25 million. In 2008, when the government first started covering the cost of medical marijuana, Veterans Affairs had licensed users in only five so-called "forward sortation" areas, defined by the first three characters of a postal code. By 2012, there were 50 forward sortation areas with cannabis users. Three years later, it was 565; this year, 588.

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$25M

Expected cost of the medical marijuana program for 2016.

WEATHER

Mexico hurricane warning

Canadians are being advised to avoid travelling to western Mexico as hurricane Newton threatens to strike the region.

Global Affairs Canada has issued a travel advisory as the hurricane heads toward the Baja California peninsula.

The agency says Canadians should avoid all non-essential travel to the coastline between Cabo San Lazaro and Loreto.

The advisory says Canadians living or travelling in the region should monitor local news and weather reports, follow the advice of local authorities and find out whether the storm will disrupt travel arrangements.

Newton was located about 350 kilometres southeast of Cabo San Lucas on Monday evening. The storm was moving northwest at 26 kilometres per hour with maximum sustained winds of 120 km/h.

Forecasters expect Newton to continue moving in the same general direction with an increase in forward speed into Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Coast guard talks water safety

RIVER

Advice triggered by accidental arrival of 1,500 Americans

The image of hundreds of Americans on inflatable rafts and makeshift platforms bobbing helplessly down the St. Clair River as strong winds pushed them towards the Canadian shore is one Peter Garapick isn't going to forget.

The Canadian Coast Guard superintendent of search and rescue was on the water near Sarnia, Ont., when the festive air of the unsanctioned Port Huron Float Down turned tense as participants realized they were drifting towards a foreign country without their passports, cash or much clothing.

Now, just two weeks after some 1,500 stranded Americans were rescued, corralled and shuttled home, Canadian and U.S. authorities have met to discuss how they'll prepare for next year's event.

"We will engage and start the conversation with people who think they're going to consider this and say, you know, start talking safety," said Garapick.

People celebrate as they start the Float Down at Lighthouse Beach in Port Huron, Mich. Thousands of people gathered for the event and floated down the St. Clair River and ended up in Sarnia, Ont. MARK R. RUMMEL/THE TIMES HERALD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Authorities on both sides of the border have committed to work on a co-ordinated response for future events, and a plan to encourage safety and common sense on the water, he said.

The Float Down, which has been running on and off since the late 1970s, is "inherently dangerous," but nonetheless continues to attract participants looking for a party down the river between Michigan and Ontario, Garapick said.

This year's event, however, stood out for the sheer number of people who had to be helped by coast guard, border services and police after high winds blew floaters clear across the border on Aug. 21.

"We knew by nine that morning it was going to be a challenge," Garapick said. "We knew everybody was going to come our way, but it was sunny, the weather was half decent and the folks who do

> **We knew by nine that morning it was going to be a challenge.**
> Peter Garapick

this are not boaters, they are not mariners and they don't think about that."

As participants were pushed towards Canada, a number of them panicked — many looked about in dismay as the floats they were on jammed together, creating a crush of inflatable devices. Others jumped into the rising waves and struck out for the U.S.

"This is where people die, they think they can make it," said Garapick. "We actually forced people back on their floats."

Garapick remembers pulling a woman who was four months pregnant from the water, watching in dismay as someone tried to swim back to the American side.

"A lot of people may have never left America before and now here they are going to a foreign country without any ID," said Garapick.

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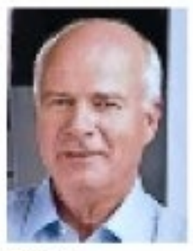
Mansbridge announces retirement



Peter Mansbridge

Veteran CBC news anchor Peter Mansbridge announced Monday night that his last day on The National will be next summer.

The network says Mansbridge will retire from the helm of its flagship news program after anchoring special Canada Day coverage next July 1, when the country will mark its 150th birthday.

Mansbridge's career has spanned nearly five decades, including 28 years at the helm of the desk as anchor and chief correspondent.

The CBC says he has covered every federal election since 1972 and anchored all 10 since 1984.

"As someone who believes strongly in public broadcasting, leaving the CBC's flagship will not be easy," Mansbridge told viewers Monday night. "But what's important is that 'The National' of the future will continue to reflect our world, our country and our people."

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IN BRIEF

Scores line up for legal challenge of assisted dying

Scores of suffering Canadians who've been excluded from the federal government's restrictive eligibility criteria for medical assistance in dying are lining up to join a constitutional challenge to the new law.

The British Columbia Civil Liberties Association has been "overwhelmed" by "scores" of responses to its call for help in the case, says Grace Pastine, the association's director of litigation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Immigration saga due to math error, family says

Gyulzar Julia Yakobi, right, with grandson Elio and her daughters Nargis Hannah and Khadidzha Ada. CONTRIBUTED

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Relief could be on the way for a Toronto woman embroiled in an immigration case that has left her stuck in Moscow for the past two months.

Gyulzar Julia Yakobi travelled to Russia for medical treatment in July. Her permanent resident card had expired, and the Canadian embassy refused to offer her a travel document to come back.

But that could change soon, according to information from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

"Should Ms. Yakobi decide to appeal the decision at the IAD, she would be entitled to a travel document to allow her to return to Canada pending the outcome of an appeal," said a spokesperson.

The family has already filed an appeal, claiming the whole saga emanated from a math error on behalf of the embassy staff, who claimed Yakobi had been physically present in Canada for only 65 days out of the past five years.

The required minimum time is 730 days out of five years, and the family says she hasn't left Canada since 2013.

Yakobi's daughter Nargis Hannah said they're hopeful the office will realize the mistake and correct it in time before more damage is done.

Innovation is key, G20 says

ECONOMY

Leaders pledge 'inclusive growth' to spread benefits

China agreed to co-operate more closely with its trading partners on its politically volatile steel exports as leaders of major economies ended a summit Monday with a forceful endorsement of free trade and a crowded agenda that included the Koreas, Syria and refugees.

In a joint statement, Chinese President Xi Jinping, U.S. President Barack Obama and the leaders of Britain, Japan, Russia and other Group of 20 nations pledged to boost sluggish global growth by promoting innovation.

"The global recovery lacks momentum," Xi told reporters after the meeting. "We need to do more to unlock the potential for medium and long-term growth."

There was no mention of a global stimulus or other joint action, which officials said earlier was unworkable because economic conditions vary widely from country to country.

In an effort to shore up public support for trade, the leaders promised "inclusive growth" to spread the benefits to people who have been left behind by wrenching change. That reflects a recognition that economic strains are fueling political tensions and a growing clamour to raise barriers against foreign competition.

The statement expressed "opposition to protectionism on trade and investment in all its forms."

The governments pledged to avoid devaluing their currencies to boost exports. They called for co-operation to reduce tax avoidance. They appealed for stepped up aid for surging global numbers of refugees and their host countries.

Chinese leaders hope the two-day meeting will increase their influence in managing the global economy.

They want the G20, created to respond to the 2008 financial crisis, to take on a longer-term role promoting trade and economic growth. The joint statement reflected that ambition by calling it the "premier forum" for economic co-operation.

Beijing made trade a theme of the gathering in this lakeside city southwest of Shanghai but faces complaints that a flood of low-cost Chinese steel into global markets threatens U.S. and European jobs, propelling the rise of political movements that promise to curb trade.

The joint statement calls for formation of a steel forum under the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to study excess production capacity.

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Leaders pose for a group photo during the G20 Summit in Hangzhou, China. World leaders are gathering in Hangzhou for the 11th G20 Leaders Summit from Sept. 4 to 5. GETTY IMAGES

> **The global recovery lacks momentum.**
> Chinese President Xi Jinping

PROTECTIONISM

PM warns against anti-trade sentiments

Justin Trudeau spent days urging world leaders to fight back against rising anti-trade sentiments, but he says there's little risk that protectionist forces seen in the United States and Europe will spill over into Canada.

Justin Trudeau

The prime minister, who made the remarks Monday at the end of the Group of 20 summit in China, said he believes Canadians in every demographic group broadly support positive engagement with the world.

"I'd be very careful and hesitant to apply situations that might be described in other countries to Canadians because we've seen Canadians are — and all demographic groups combined - generally open and positive and optimistic about the future," Trudeau said.

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IN BRIEF

Hermine lingers offshore, bringing rough waves, rip currents

Hermine twisted hundreds of miles offshore in the Atlantic Ocean on Monday, creating large waves in some New England beach waters that lured in surfers despite the rough surf and rip currents that kept most beachgoers away on the last day of the holiday weekend.

"These are more seasoned surfers who live for the thrill of these waves," said meteorologist Kim Buttrick.

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Twin bombings near Afghanistan's Defence Ministry kill 24

Twin bombings near the Afghan Defence Ministry killed at least 24 people on Monday, including two security force generals, in an attack claimed by the Taliban. Public Health Ministry spokesman Ismail Kawasi said another 91 people were wounded in the attack. Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said a district police chief and five police officers were killed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WILDLIFE

Giant panda no longer endangered

A leading international group has taken the giant panda off its endangered list thanks to decades of conservation efforts, but China's government discounted the move on Monday, saying it did not view the status of the country's beloved symbol as any less serious.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature said in a report released Sunday that the panda is now classified as a "vulnerable" instead of "endangered" species, reflecting its growing numbers in the wild in southern China. It said the wild panda population jumped to 1,864 in 2014 from 1,596 in 2004, the result of work by Chinese agencies to enforce poaching bans and expand forest reserves.

The report warned, however, that although better forest protection has helped increase panda numbers, climate change is predicted to eliminate more than 35 per cent of its natural bamboo habitat in the next 80 years, potentially leading to another decline. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Decades of conservation work in China have paid off for the giant panda, whose status was upgraded from endangered to vulnerable due to a population rebound. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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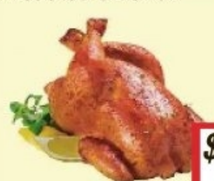
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Execs hone improv skills

EDUCATION

Role-playing helps students learn to think creatively

Instructor Kevin Frank reacts during an activity at Second City during an improv workshop for business people. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tiffane Wang is an audit director at the country's largest bank, and manages a team of three people.

After leaving the office one recent Thursday, the RBC employee became someone else. Or more precisely, something else: a cog in a pretend and totally pointless human machine along with five total strangers.

Wang, who graduated from York University with an MBA, is taking "Intro to Improv for Business" at The Second City Training Centre to learn skills that she was never taught in school. Introducing herself to the class, she said she hoped the course would teach her the confidence to move up in the bank. Maybe the lessons would also help her loosen up whenever she's put on the spot.

Once largely the domain of comedic actors, improv is increasingly becoming an accepted way for businesspeople — from students to corner-office executives — to hone interpersonal skills.

Business schools in Canada and the U.S. are taking note. Of eight Canadian business schools canvassed, half said they offered improv lessons as a required or optional course (Waterloo, McGill, UBC and Western). Improv is also taught in some top-tier U.S. business schools, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Daena Giardella, an actor and organizational team consultant, has given an "improvisational leadership" course at MIT mainly for MBA students and graduate-level university fellows since about 2007. The students role-play scenarios with a business twist.

It's not Saturday Night Live material, but Giardella says these improv students learn to think quickly and creatively.

"It teaches them how to think on their feet, how to use their imagination, to trust their creativity and to feel comfortable with vocalizing their ideas," she said.

The Second City's improv class in Toronto runs $305 for a seven-week course (21 hours total). One instructor, The Second City Training Centre in Toronto artistic director Kevin Frank, studied economics and sold computers for a living before he heard the siren song of improv and joined the troupe more than two decades ago.

The lessons are meant to encourage students to take risks and accept failures.

"It's for any person in business who would like to be an effective communicator, who wants to collaborate with others and come up with creative solutions," he said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CABLE

Broadcast regulator examining skinny-basic TV

The national broadcast regulator and the country's four biggest television service providers are in for an earful this week over the rollout earlier this year of so-called skinny-basic TV.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission will kick off public hearings Wednesday to discuss how the new, trimmed-down $25 packages have been offered to consumers.

Hundreds of complaints were filed with the CRTC and consumer groups in the weeks after the regulator mandated the packages, which came into effect March 1. Many complainants expressed disappointment that the long-awaited arrival of smaller basic TV packages and different channel choices didn't prove to be the deal they'd hoped for.

To the Consumers' Association of Canada, which received about 1,000 complaints in just six weeks, it appeared many cable providers were trying to discourage consumers from switching to the smaller offerings by making them as unattractive as possible, said the group's president, Bruce Cran.

While the packages themselves were mandated to cost $25 or less, that price often excluded routine discounts, such as those offered for bundling two or more services, but included extra fees for necessities such as the rental of a digital TV box.

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TECHNOLOGY

iPhone 7 could lose jack

Apple is expected to unveil the latest iterations of the iPhone at an event in San Francisco on Wednesday, and while only a minor refresh is anticipated, rumours that the devices will lack a headphone port have created a major flashpoint for iPhone devotees.

Steve Wozniak, who co-founded Apple with Steve Jobs, heads a list of commentators calling the presumptive move a bad idea that could trigger a consumer backlash.

"If it's missing the 3.5-millimetre earphone jack, that's going to tick off a lot of people," Wozniak told The Australian Financial Review last week.

Deutsche Bank analysts in their iPhone preview in July said the headphone jack will be removed in the new phones, which are expected to hit stores on Sept. 16.

Last week, Apple sent media invitations for the event on Wednesday, which is presumably being held to announce handsets dubbed the iPhone 7 and 7 Plus, along with a next generation of Apple Watch.

The invite hinted at an iPhone camera upgrade that may include a dual lens module with an added sensor for improved image quality. Apple declined comment.

Multiple online images have also highlighted the absence of an earbud jack on the new device, while the Deutsche Bank review said the removal will allow for a thinner and more water-resistant iPhone.

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METRO POLL

Is Labour Day the real New Year's?

In Canada, as in many parts of the world, we make our new year's resolutions on Jan. 1. But many of us, having been through at least 12 formative years' worth of Sept.-June school calendars, and being conditioned to prepare for the onset of winter, can't help but think of Labour Day weekend as the real turning point in the year. We asked our readers about it.

1 Which is the more important new beginning in your life — the day after Labour Day or Jan. 1?

2 What excites you most about fall?

62% Hockey/football season is starting
20% Winter is coming
18% School is back in session

3 What bums you out most about fall?

70% Winter is coming
13% Hockey/football season is starting
11% School is back in session
6% Everything

WE ASKED Metro readers

New Year's is a great party but I've always thought of it as the middle of the year.

For Canadians, winter means real life. So fall is the time to get down to business.

They are both arbitrary dates on the calendar.

I hate the winter so so so so much. I just really hate it.

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KLASZUS' CALGARY

Jeremy Klaszus

In High River, as in every city and town, change is hard.

Exhibit A: On 4th Avenue downtown, recently rebuilt as a woonerf — a Dutch-style shared street that prioritizes people over cars — an SUV pulls into a new curbside flower bed while parallel parking.

Mayor Craig Snodgrass looks on, shaking his head.

Exhibit B: Snodgrass himself, who once doubted that High River could ever have a walkable downtown like this.

Snodgrass is perhaps Alberta's most unlikely urbanist. Elected in 2013 after a flood devastated the town, the fourth-generation High River resident and funeral director was unconvinced when he first saw plans for the new downtown.

Gone were the car-centric wide roads, narrow sidewalks and angle parking everyone was used to. The plans showed the opposite: narrow streets, wide sidewalks and limited parallel parking. New lots will be built adjacent to downtown, so people walk in.

"I went, 'You can't do that,'" he recalls.

Since then, he's done a 180. "It's absolute BS," he says of his original misgivings. "You can do it, and I don't care if you're High River, Calgary or Cayley, Alberta. You can do it — and it's the right thing to do."

I met Snodgrass outside Colossi's Coffee House, where you can still see a faded line on the wall from the floodwaters.

Around us, a transformation is underway, with construction in its final stages. Trees, sidewalk patios, laneways between buildings: The new High River is built for people on foot.

A busker picked a blues lick beside us. Moms with strollers went by. Vendors set up for an on-street farmer's market.

What changed for Snodgrass? "I needed to get educated," he says. "And the more I read, it was just a no-brainer. Every community is looking at these changes that we've done."

The flood gave High River a rare opportunity. The town had two things most municipalities don't: a blank slate and cash. Streets had to be ripped up to replace infrastructure ruined by the flood. And the province footed the rebuild bill.

"At the end of the day, I want to look back and say, 'You know what? That flood was the best thing for the future of this town,'" Snodgrass says. "And I think that's where we're at."

The new streetscapes have been a culture shift. Some business owners, frustrated with construction and loss of parking stalls out front, have moved elsewhere. Emotions have gotten heated. Town council has been accused of being anti-car.

"It's been a long grind," Snodgrass says. "You're never going to convince everybody. But you need to have that vision of what the end product's going to look like and you've got to be disciplined and committed enough to see it through.

"It's not about 'anti-vehicle.' It's not that. It's just, you want people in your downtown? You better make it comfortable for people."

Jeremy Klaszus is a freelance journalist and stay-at-home dad.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Remote property listings offer an alluring fantasy of fair value

My brother's new(ish) home in Vancouver is not what I, growing up, imagined you'd call a million-dollar home. But of course, in today's market, it's worth even more than that.

It is lovely. A big open kitchen overlooking the two apple trees and rose bushes, a full suite to rent out in the basement, intricately detailed wood floors and enough room for his little family.

But it's really a lovely average home, at the average — and yet astounding — price of real estate in this city.

Sure, we're almost getting used to these price tags (or hearing about them, anyway), but astronomical real estate costs have also spawned a new pastime: contemplating the amazing deals that can be found, if only you'd agree to radical relocation. Even those, like me, who couldn't afford a shed in Flin Flon, can't resist the click.

Instead of shucking out an average $710,000 for a home in Toronto, for example, you could spend a fraction of that — just $135,000 — for a historic 100-year-old two-bedroom cottage on 3.47 acres in P.E.I., a short stroll to the fishing harbour and beaches.

Can't you just imagine yourself playing bocce ball on that rolling green lawn, and plodding barefoot in the morning over that worn, buttery old wooden floor to pour your first cup of coffee? You could literally own this home for less than a "conventional" 20 per cent down payment in Toronto.

Even that medieval castle in England for $2.48 million seems a like steal, given that average home prices in Vancouver are only about half that right now.

Actually, that castle is about the same cost as a run-down, three-bedroom, two-bathroom home in Vancouver, on a meagre 33-foot lot (though it does have ocean views).

Compare that to the view of your own personal 14.5 acres from the ancient windows of your literal castle, which has, naturally, eight bedrooms, seven bathrooms, and, of course, a moat.

Let's be clear: Unlike the Vancouver house, we're not talking tear-down. We're talking sprawling stone walkways, beamed ceilings, sprawling gardens, and a soaker-tub set in the old turret.

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Parents face the 'dreaded September'

MENTAL HEALTH

Families grieve when millennials fly the nest, finally

Genna Buck
Metro Canada

This week, Tony and Lorelei Woolridge waved goodbye at the same spot in the St. John's, Nfld. airport where they've shed tears nearly every September for the past eight years. Lorelei calls it "the escalator that takes my children away."

Her daughter Julie, 25, was the first to go, at age 17, on a soccer scholarship to Farleigh Dickerson University in New Jersey. Then her oldest, Erin, 28, left to study naturopathy in Toronto. Finally, Carolyn, 21, went to Acadia University in Nova Scotia. She just headed back for her fourth year. That was the hardest.

"This time I was just sobbing," Lorelei Woolridge said.

Despite all the talk of millennials being too attached to their parents, most do eventually fly the nest. And when those close bonds are finally tested by distance, parents are often surprised by the depth of their sadness.

Tony Woolridge knows the feeling. Though he's immensely proud of his successful, independent kids, he said he's "miserable" the first week without them. "Both of us are not really fit to speak," he said.

"We both miss them, but I worry about the little things more," he said. His recent concern is Erin, who has been looking for an apartment: "If there's something that a dad should do, and I'm not there to do it, that frustrates me. If she was home moving from one apartment to the next, I could get a truck and move her."

For new empty-nesters, "Distress can be severe, not unlike the experiences of those going through the stages of grief and mourning," consumer studies professor Carolyn Curasi wrote in a 2013 study of Irish, English and American mothers. Some participants even reported needing antidepressants and sleeping pills to get through the upheaval.

> **If there's something that a dad should do, and I'm not there to do it, that frustrates me**
> Tony Woolridge

Nicole Mills, a single parent from Mississauga, Ont., is well acquainted with the grieving process. She refers to the drive to Laurentian University in Sudbury with her daughter Jada, 19, as "the dreaded September."

"The void is quite big. Not seeing her shoes at the door can be rough," Mills said. "This year she asked me not to cry. Well, that didn't go over too well. But I don't believe I was as bad as I was the first year."

Mills, too, wants to be there for little things Jada needs. She'd like to cook meals so her daughter could concentrate on her second-year biology and psychology courses, and her goal of getting into veterinary college.

"If I could impart anything to other parents: As long as you know you've raised your child with basic life skills and confidence, they will move mountains," Mills said.

As a mother who has been through the process three times, Lorelei Woolridge advises bereft parents to stay connected on FaceTime and Skype. It's how she coped with the "emotionally destroying" impact of being apart from her girls for special occasions like Julie's engagement.

And it helped to spend those difficult first few days after saying goodbye at a cottage with her husband and extended family. It "was like medicine," she said.

Nicole Mills struggles — and cries — every September when she helps her daughter Jada, 19, pack up and head out on the drive from Toronto back to Laurentian University, five hours north in Sudbury, Ont. CONTRIBUTED

"My sisters-in-law came put their arms around me and gave me a hug and said, 'How are you doing, are you alright?' And they tell me, 'We're going to take care of you and get this off your mind.' They're recognizing the loss too. It is a loss."

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ADVICE

Discover what you excel at to make money in the long term

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

So often when the talk turns to money, people avert their eyes or scuff their toes against the ground, bashful to even get into the conversation. Not surprising really, since when the talk turns to money, most often it's about what we're doing wrong.

Here's the thing: you can't be doing it all wrong. You just can't. And so maybe what you need to do to open up the conversation with yourself (your partner, your best friend, your sister-in-law) is to focus on what you're doing right.

I'm good at discipline. I may hate collecting receipts and writing down everything I spend, but I do it. I may hate having to post all those spending-journal entries into my monthly budget, but I do it. I may hate picking up the telephone and making the call to get a fee adjusted or a service charge removed, but I do it!

Knowing what you're good at is a great place to start when you're trying to figure out how to make things work better with both your money and your life.

Let's say you're really good at finding a bargain, but you're not so hot on the pay-yourself-first savings approach. It doesn't matter that you pay yourself first and the money is whipped away to an account, if by the end of the month you've had to transfer that money back because something cropped up and you need the "savings" to stay even in your account.

Okay, let's take your strength and turn it to the problem with your savings. Sure, you're great at spotting a bargain and shopping smart. But if you never realize the savings ... if you never take that money out of your wallet and put it somewhere you can't spend it ... you actually haven't saved a thing.

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ASK YOURSELF

Are you good at ...

- Getting the best deals?
- Making your own stuff or fixing things?
- Sharing what you have with others?
- Keeping track of your money?
- Deferring the little pleasures so you have the money for the really big thing?
- Finding the highest return on your savings account?
- Finding ways to earn extra money when you need it?
- Stretching a dollar?

The point is that most often you need to find the motivation to do things differently.

Use a strength to pull your areas of weakness into the sunlight and eventually overcome them. Knowing what you're doing right and moving from strength to strength makes way more sense than always beating yourself up for what you've been doing wrong.

Kids strive to be picture perfect on Snapshots

PHOTOGRAPHY

New CBC show helps young shutterbugs hone skills

Sara Lake usually reaches for her tablet, a Polaroid or her dad's phone to capture images, but her recent use of a fancier conventional camera offered a whole new lens into the world of photography.

"(It has) more zooming effects, so it makes everything look way more clear," said the bubbly 10-year-old. "Sometimes it's hard to zoom in, or when you press the button and sometimes it doesn't click properly," she admitted. "It's difficult, sometimes, but it's really fun." Sara is one of several young shutterbugs getting a hands-on education on the finer points of photography on the CBC-TV children's series Snapshots, which premieres Saturday. Each episode sees three youngsters take part in photography challenges aimed at fostering competition, developing their skills of the craft and showcasing their knack for creativity.

Mentors are present to offer guidance to competitors on how to adjust their cameras or position their bodies to capture the ideal images.

Photography experts later judge from among their best photos. Meanwhile, a companion website (www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2) will allow kids across Canada to compete in a digital spin-off contest based on the challenges featured in the show.

> **Kids on this show love photography and love an opportunity to learn about it and showcase their skills to other people.**
> Snapshots host Dalmar Abuzeid

"The kids that are on this show love photography and love an opportunity to learn about it and showcase their skills to other people," said Snapshots host Dalmar Abuzeid. "They're able to talk about what they like about their shots. They're able to talk with their peers. They're able to talk with their mentors. I think that's so important, and I think that really shows with the quality of the pictures that the kids take."

Fellow Snapshots contestants Kayla St. Ange and Brayden Williams, both aged nine, each make use of their tablets for photos. Kayla said she likes to snap images of graffiti and the sea, while Brayden's vast range of photo subjects includes sunsets, sports and animals. Both said they've gained valuable skills through participating in the photo competition series.

"I've learned how to do a proper angle because the mentor taught us a lot about that," said Kayla, who said the key is to move to a lower position to find a "nice one." Added Brayden: "I've learned how to get the full body in (to a shot), and I've learned landscaping, which is (shooting) horizontally, and I use portrait, which is (shooting) vertically."

Abuzeid said he's picked up a few photography pointers as well, such as the different aspects of backlighting and focusing images. He also marvelled at the ability of the youngsters to receive criticism of their work.

"If I was eight or nine and I was getting critiqued on my work ... I don't know if I'd be able to take in that information and apply it, but I think the kids on this show are really listening. "When they hear they need to incorporate more light into their photos, I feel like they're going home and they're taking those notes." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Snapshots host Dalmar Abuzeid, centre, is seen with series contestants, left to right, Luke Bianco, Simone Miller, Tristan Ly and Sara Lake. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CBC HANDOUT

JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Sci-fi drama Zoo throws up some comedic gold

In Zoo, character Mitch, the world's leading (um, only) veterinary pathologist, says things like, "I'm going to introduce seven genome fossils into his DNA." CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: Zoo, Season 2, Episode 11 (CTV)
THE MOMENT: "It's complicated."

Animals are killing humans in coordinated attacks. Evil General Davies (Peter Outerbridge) wants to release TX gas worldwide to kill them all. But a rogue unit — zoologists, soldiers, a reporter and a politico, who are circling the globe on a two-story, tricked-out plane — is working against the clock on an alternate plan.

"Why does Davies think you have the TX gas formula?" zoologist Jackson (James Wolk), panting, asks his long-lost scientist father Robert (Ken Olin).

"Because I created TX," Robert answers, panting. "You want to kill all the animals and 2.2 million people?" Jackson pants. "It's complicated," Robert pants.

Is it ever. I would love to be in the writers' room, because clearly, anything goes. "Hey, let's use electrified ants as a defibrillator!" "Great! How about if everyone inexplicably goes to Helsinki and a reindeer herd runs over a car?" "Only if Davies releases a rampaging gorilla in the Russian embassy!"

Team boss Mitch, the world's leading (um, only) veterinary pathologist, who says things like, "I'm going to introduce seven genome fossils into his DNA," is a cynical misanthrope. Naturally two rebels are hopelessly in love with him: politico Allison (Joanne Kelly), who wears pencil skirts as loungewear; and reporter Jamie (Kristen Connolly), who puts her head in her hands and sighs a lot (that trait is accurate).

Despite their animal problem, they apparently have solved the fossil fuel problem, because the plane never stops. Episode 12 heads to the mysterious island of Pangea, where (extinct) sabretooth cats roam. I can't wait.

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Amanda Scriver and Simon Gilbert have disparate incomes. Currently, Gilbert's job as a manager at Boxcar Social café allows Scriver to be a freelance writer. NAKITA KRUCKER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Splitting costs equally isn't always what's fair

DATING ADVICE

Breadwinner may have to support partner who earns less

Sofi Papamarko
For Torstar News Service

I ask matchmaking clients personal questions. Sometimes, they're uncomfortably personal. But there's one personal question I'll never ask because it's none of my business: what's in their bank account.

This rule has gotten me off the hook more than a few times. Like when a female matchmaking client requests to be matched with a man who pulls in no less than a six-figure salary. Or when a male matchmaking client expresses his discomfort at the mere thought of dating somebody who makes more money than him.

In such cases, I heave a mighty inward sigh and say: "Sorry, I don't ask clients about their income."

Money does matter, but personal finances should not be a factor in the search for lifelong companionship. Jobs come and go, careers are often in transition, smart (and/or terrible) financial decisions can sometimes be made. What's important is how you and your partner handle your finances as a team through life's inevitable ebbs and flows.

When Amanda Scriver first made the leap from 9-to-5er to freelance writer, her partner Simon Gilbert supported her emotionally and financially (Gilbert has steady work as a café manager). A somewhat awkward period of adjustment followed.

"Since I was the primary breadwinner previously, I (was) more frivolous and spendy in nature," Scriver says.

"In the beginning, it was difficult to explain to Amanda that I couldn't necessarily afford specific items — like a patio set for our house — and I had to save up if we wanted to purchase those things, whereas she could've just bought them outright when she was at her (old) job," Gilbert says.

When Scriver first started her freelance business, she had the foresight to meet with financial planner Shannon Lee Simmons of the New School of Finance.

> **There's nothing worse that a giant money elephant in the room.**
> Financial planner Shannon Lee Simmons

"(Simmons) really helped me set goals for myself," Scriver says. Simmons recommends talking openly and honestly as a couple about pressing financial matters.

"There's nothing worse that a giant money elephant in the room," Simmons says. "It leads to frustrations and resentment on all sides."

She suggests creating a budget together and sharing your fixed costs equitably, not equally.

"Figure out the equitable share by dividing each partner's take-home income by the monthly household take-home income. That should be the percentage that they contribute to shared household expenses," she says.

This advice is probably mind-blowing for the many couples out there who split expenses (including rent or mortgage payments) down the middle despite differing incomes.

If you're making significantly more money than your partner, it makes sense for you to take on the bulk of the expenses right now — keeping in mind that life is life and primary breadwinner roles can easily reverse and probably will somewhere down the line.

"Make a plan together that makes everyone feel heard and appreciated. It takes two to be financially fabulous," says Simmons, who offers a best-selling online financial course for couples titled Budget With Your Boo.

"Just because one person makes more doesn't mean they get more say in things and if someone makes less, it doesn't mean that they aren't contributing." Scriver and Gilbert are in a better place now that Scriver's freelancing business has grown, but there's still a lot of work to be done. Scriver credits the couple's solid communication with their success in putting mind over money matters.

"Ultimately, whenever any of Simon's stressy feelings or anxiety transfers over to me, we just talk about it right away."

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Why women aren't wearing bras

STYLE

Fashion and feminism collide in latest trend

In ancient Greece, women wrapped bands of linen across their chests. In the 1500s and beyond, restrictive corsets were commonplace among the higher classes of Western society. In 1914, American socialite Mary Phelps Jacob patented the first modern brassiere.

Since then, there have been bullet bras and WonderBras and sports bras and the "world's sexiest bras," as Victoria's Secret claims, and all sorts of padded and plunging and push-up varieties. But in summer 2016, many women decided to ditch them all.

Across the pond, the Evening Standard declared "Free the Nipple" was this summer's biggest fashion trend, though not always tied to the feminist equality movement of the same name.

Celebrities like Kardashian-sister-turned-model Kendall Jenner have made headlines for going bra-free — in her case, following a blog post where she wrote, "I really don't see what the big deal is with going braless."

Plenty of Toronto women agree. Some cite fashion, others feminism, and many just basic comfort. Whatever the reason, it's a clear rejection of the push-up bras and uniform silhouettes long peddled by lingerie retailers.

"The pendulum is swinging the other way," says Catherine Hundleby, a professor of women and gender studies at the University of Windsor. "Many women, mainly small-breasted women, are enjoying a freedom."

(From left to right) Dayna Armstrong, Laura Beeston, Nekesa Mbadiwe, Britt Caron and Bora Meraj are embracing the bra-free trend. MELISSA RENWICK/TORONTO STAR

That's the case for Britt Caron, a child and youth worker in Toronto. A self-described small-chested woman, she wore padded bras when she was younger, but now, at 27, skips wearing a bra as often as possible for comfort reasons. "I'm a feminist, and a big fem-activist, and I believe women can do whatever they want, and should do whatever they want," Caron adds. "I don't believe women should feel pressure one way or the other."

During conversations of bra-free comfort, feminism is sometimes the undercurrent. Hundleby says the trend is rejecting uniformity in the fashion world — that women should all dress the same way, and wear the same bras. "Men aren't expected to hide their nipples, but women are expected to hide our nipples," she adds. "This is a response to that, fashionwise."

> **"I don't believe women should feel pressure one way or the other.**
> Britt Caron

The shift has also led to a rise in interest in 'bralettes,' a padding- and underwire-free option found at retailers like Aerie, the American Eagle Outfitters-owned lingerie company known for its unretouched models. Google Trends shows interest in bralettes has been on the upswing since summer 2014, and peaked in July 2016. After promoting cleavage-boosting bras for years, even Victoria's Secret has dubbed bralettes as "sexy," according to one of their 2016 ad campaigns. (The company is still the clear industry leader, controlling more than 60 per cent of the U.S. lingerie market, but its sales are down, says the Wall Street Journal.

This change in consumer demand is happening against the backdrop of France's burkini ban and ongoing hurdles facing mothers trying to breastfeed in public. And it's creating a striking contrast: While many women around the world are policed for their clothing choices, others have the comparative freedom to go bra-free and, in the case of celebrities like Kendall Jenner, flaunt nipple piercings publicly.

That's raising eyebrows among some feminists. Jean Golden, a professor of sociology at Ryerson University, says the bra-free trend isn't a substantive feminist issue, or a political movement. "It's a personal choice, especially for young women, framed by the hyper-sexualized media portrayal of young women's bodies," she says. "It does not address systemic sexism. It could be argued it feeds into it."

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"I didn't realize how constricting bras are until I stopped wearing them."
Nekesa Mbadiwe, 21, freelance writer

"For me, it's about being comfortable, and liking how I look. I think if you want to wear a bra, that's great. If you don't, you don't."
Dayna Armstrong, 26, floral designer

"I like the shape of my breasts. You put on a bra, and it's too round, too perfect. It doesn't look like that."
Bora Meraj, 26, bookstore employee

"Since I've stopped wearing bras, when I do wear one, I can barely get through the day."
Britt Caron, 27, child and youth worker

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YOU CAN DO THIS HAIRSTYLIST/BARBER

'Hairstyling is an art form'

WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Sargon Daved, 28, Senior Stylist at Salon Mirage & Spa in Hamilton, Ont.

As a child, I preferred playing 'salon' to 'house.'

I always knew I wanted to do something creative professionally, but I didn't know where to start. At first I pursued fashion design; however, I soon learned that the profession didn't favour my social style. My entire day was spent with a sewing machine, and although it might be for some people, it wasn't for me. That's when I decided to sign up with Marvel Beauty Schools for hairstyling.

It was an intensive, 10-month program that taught me everything from short cuts to wig and hair enhancements. I knew I was cut out for the industry when I accepted my first full-time job and watched in amazement as my book of clients began to expand.

For this, I thank my gift of the gab. If there wasn't a social aspect to my job, I don't know how I'd function.

Hairstyling is an art form. I love giving my clients advice about their hair, and often joke that their self-confidence is in my hands.

In a way, I'm in control of how they feel about themselves — and despite the pressure, it motivates me to ensure each client walks away feeling confident and fabulous.

See more of Sargon Daved's hairstyle creations on Instagram, @sargon.daved. CONTRIBUTED/INSTAGRAM

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HOW TO START

Generally, an apprentice must accumulate approximately 3,500 hours of on-the-job and in-school training to be considered competent in the trade. This can take up to two years; however, most trade programs administer training within a public salon to give students direct access to clients.

Typical courses can include client service, cutting and styling, colouring, chemical hair relaxing and salon operations.

After completing the mandated work hours, graduates are eligible to write the interprovincial journey-person examination to be recognized as certified specialists in the trade.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

With the exception of buzz-cutting robots, advanced technology likely won't replace the need for trained hairstylists or barbers. In fact, most clients seek personal connections and trusting relationships with their stylists.

Job prospects are particularly promising for barbers, colour technicians and aspiring salon managers.

Those seeking management-level positions may require additional schooling in business, marketing, salon design and accounting fundamentals.

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Soccer star Megan Rapinoe knelt for the national anthem Sunday before the Seattle Reign's game "in a little nod" to 49ers QB Colin Kaepernick

Stamps stomp all over Eskimos

The Eskimos' Kenzel Doe, centre, is brought down by a number of Stampeders players at McMahon Stadium on Monday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Unbeaten streak at nine games with Labour Day win

Dave Dickenson's first Labour Day victory as head coach of the Calgary Stampeders had a touch of poignancy for a man who played in a few during his career.

The Stampeders (8-1-1) extended their unbeaten streak to nine in a row with a 45-24 win over the Edmonton Eskimos (5-5) in their traditional Battle of Alberta on the September holiday Monday.

Prior to the afternoon kickoff, a flypast of CF-18 Hornets was followed by a moment of silence in memory of Normie Kwong.

Dickenson, Calgary's starting quarterback from 1997 to 2000, was in a reflective mood after his team's victory.

"I love the jets. The planes flying over don't get old for me," Dickenson said. "Normie Kwong ... it means a lot to me today as well.

"It was good that it was Calgary versus Edmonton too because Normie played for both. He was good to me and a lot of people in our locker-room."

In what was billed as a showcase of the top two quarterbacks in the CFL, Bo Levi Mitchell compiled 380 passing yards to join Edmonton counterpart Mike Reilly with over 3,000 this season.

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Mitchell threw touchdown passes to Anthony Parker and Bakari Grant and another two-point convert to Grant.

The 26-year-old improved to 36-7-1 as a CFL starter, 17-3 at McMahon Stadium and 3-0 in Labour Day starts.

Reilly threw for 219 yards, including a touchdown pass to Derel Walker, and rushed for a 19-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter. He was sacked four times and twice intercepted by Jamar Wall.

Kenny Ladler ran an interception back for an Edmonton touchdown.

Roy Finch returned a punt to score for the Stampeders in front of an announced 31,440.

Calgary running back Jerome Messam sealed the win for the hosts with a pair of rushing touchdowns late in the fourth quarter. He rumbled for 110 yards on 18 carries in the game.

"I'm playing in my 100th game today," Messam said. "I think I had a productive day. The O-line blocked their ass off so they made it easy for me."

Stampeders kicker Rene Paredes continues to chase his own record of consecutive field goals. He was good from 21, 33 and 24 yards to get to 31 successful attempts in a row. His record is 39 set over the 2012 and 2013 seasons. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'NORMIE' 1929-2016

Norman Kwong, who was the first Chinese Canadian to play in the CFL and who later served as Alberta's lieutenant governor, died Saturday at the age of 86.

- Kwong was both an Eskimo and a Stampeder during a 13-year CFL career.
- At 18 with the Stampeders, the Calgary-born fullback was the youngest player to win the Grey Cup.
- Kwong became part-owner and director of the Flames until he sold his interest in 1994.

From awestruck to just plain awesome

RIO2016

Quebec's Rivard eyes medals 4 years after breakout

Aurelie Rivard describes herself as a totally different person in the four years since her Paralympic debut.

Now 20 years old, the St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., native enters the Rio de Janeiro Games as a favourite in the pool.

"When I was in London, I was only 16 years old, I was a kid, I didn't know what to expect," Rivard said prior to leaving for Brazil. "I was going there like totally clueless, I was so impressed by everything, so amazed, I was just there to get some experience.

"Now I'm kind of the girl to beat. It adds a little bit of pressure as well, but I really just want to go there and have the best swim meet of my life and hopefully bring medals home."

Rivard has developed into one of the best para-swimmers in the world since the 2012 London Games. She claimed five medals at the 2013 world championships in Montreal and collected a bronze at the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Last summer she won two gold and four total medals at the world championships, breaking Canadian records in the 50- and 400-metre freestyles.

Another aspect working for Aurelie Rivard is that she swims faster at the end of the summer. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rivard topped off her impressive 2015 with six gold and one silver at the Parapan Am Games in Toronto, which included a world record time of 59.17 seconds in the S-10 100 freestyle final.

Rivard took silver in the 400 freestyle in London and said she has learned to trust herself and have more self-confidence since.

"I used to be a little girl, super tiny and shy and so impressed by the whole world," Rivard said. "I thought everybody was better than me and everybody believed in me but me."

Canadian para-swimming head coach Craig McCord sees a different maturity and confidence in his young prodigy. He remembers a girl from when they first met in 2010 that "if you said boo to her, she would have cried."

Not anymore.

"I have full confidence that she will rise to the occasion when the chips are down here as we head into Rio," McCord said. "She's got her work cut out but I'm more than confident of her."

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Veteran para-swimmer Benoit Huot, who will be competing in his fifth Paralympics in Rio, also has high hopes for Rivard.

"Hopefully she'll be around for the next 10 years and she's going to have an amazing Games, I'm positive," Huot said.

Rivard, who has an impairment with her left hand, has set a goal of beating all her personal records in Rio. The majority of those records were set at the Parapans in 2015.

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U.S. OPEN

Federer's wins mark sunk by Serena

Serena Williams now owns more victories in Grand Slam matches than anyone else in tennis' Open era, surpassing Roger Federer with her 308th.

So, Serena, who'll wind up with more?

"I don't know. We'll see," Williams said during her on-court interview after reaching the U.S. Open quarter-finals by beating Yaroslava Shvedova 6-2, 6-3 on Monday.

"Hopefully we'll both keep going," she added. "I know I plan on it. I know he does. So we'll see."

Federer turned 35 on Aug. 8. Williams turns 35 on Sept. 26.

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Williams' very first win at a Grand Slam tournament came way back when she was 16, a 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 6-1 victory over Irina Spirlea in the first round of the Australian Open on Jan. 19, 1998. Williams' first loss at a major came in her next match, which happened to come against older sister Venus.

Nearly two decades later, through plenty of highs and lows, from championships to health scares, the younger Williams is still at it — and still winning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Yankees beat up Blue Jays
Jacoby Ellsbury overcame a first-inning deficit against R.A. Dickey with a two-run homer on the knuckleballer's third pitch of the game, then added an RBI single to lead the New York Yankees over the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 Monday.

AL East-leading Toronto (77-60) remains one game ahead of Boston.
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Kosovo nets point vs. Finns
The most significant goal in Monday's nine World Cup qualifiers in Europe came from a Kosovo player only given permission to make his debut for soccer's newest country hours before taking to the field in Finland.

By converting the penalty, former Norway midfielder Valon Berisha ensured Kosovo's first competitive match since gaining FIFA membership in May ended in a 1-1 draw, securing a point in Group I at the start of an improbable journey to reach the 2018 World Cup in Russia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Carpenter wins Tour of Alta.
American Robin Carpenter is the winner of the 2016 Tour of Alberta.

Carpenter completed the five-day 580-kilometre event in 13 hours 35 minutes 31 seconds on Monday.
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PGA

Rory digs deep to grab unlikely glory

Three holes into the Deutsche Bank Championship, Rory McIlroy had to make a 15-foot putt just to escape with triple bogey.

He already was 4 over par and had every reason to believe this tournament in Norton, Mass., was headed for an outcome that was becoming far too familiar for a player of his class. But there was one difference.

His head didn't drop. His shoulders didn't sag.

McIlroy went from a miserable start to a memorable finish, closing with a 6-under 65 on Monday to make up a six-shot deficit and win the Deutsche Bank Championship for his 20th career title around the world.

Rory McIlroy GETTY IMAGES

"It's just incredible, this game, how quickly things can change," McIlroy said after his two-shot victory over Paul Casey. "It's been a great lesson for me this week not to get down on myself, to stay patient. After three holes Friday, there was so much going through my head, and none of those things involved sitting beside a trophy."

It was also McIlroy's first PGA Tour victory of the year.
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RECIPE Mini Turkey Meatloaves

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

There is so much to love about these wee meatloaves from their healthy mixture of ground turkey, oats and veggies to the fact they pack up nicely in the freezer.

Ready in 1 hour
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 45 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 glug of olive oil
- 1/3 cup onion, diced on the fine side
- 1/3 cup celery, diced small
- 1/3 cup carrot, peeled, diced small
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 1/2 cup of rolled oats
- 1 1/2 pound of ground turkey
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup Parmesan, grated
- 2 Tbsp ketchup
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Warm olive oil in pan over medium heat. Add vegetables and the fennel seeds and allow to soften, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and allow to cool a bit.

2. In a large mixing bowl, combine meat, oats, ketchup, sautéed vegetables, cheese and egg. Mix with clean hands or a fork. Use a 1/3 cup measure to scoop mixture and put it in muffin tin.

3. In a small bowl, mix 2 Tbsp of ketchup and 1 tsp of Worcestershire sauce. Use a small spoon to smear glaze over mini meatloaves. Pop in oven 40 minutes. The internal temperature for meatloaf should be 160 to 165 degrees F.

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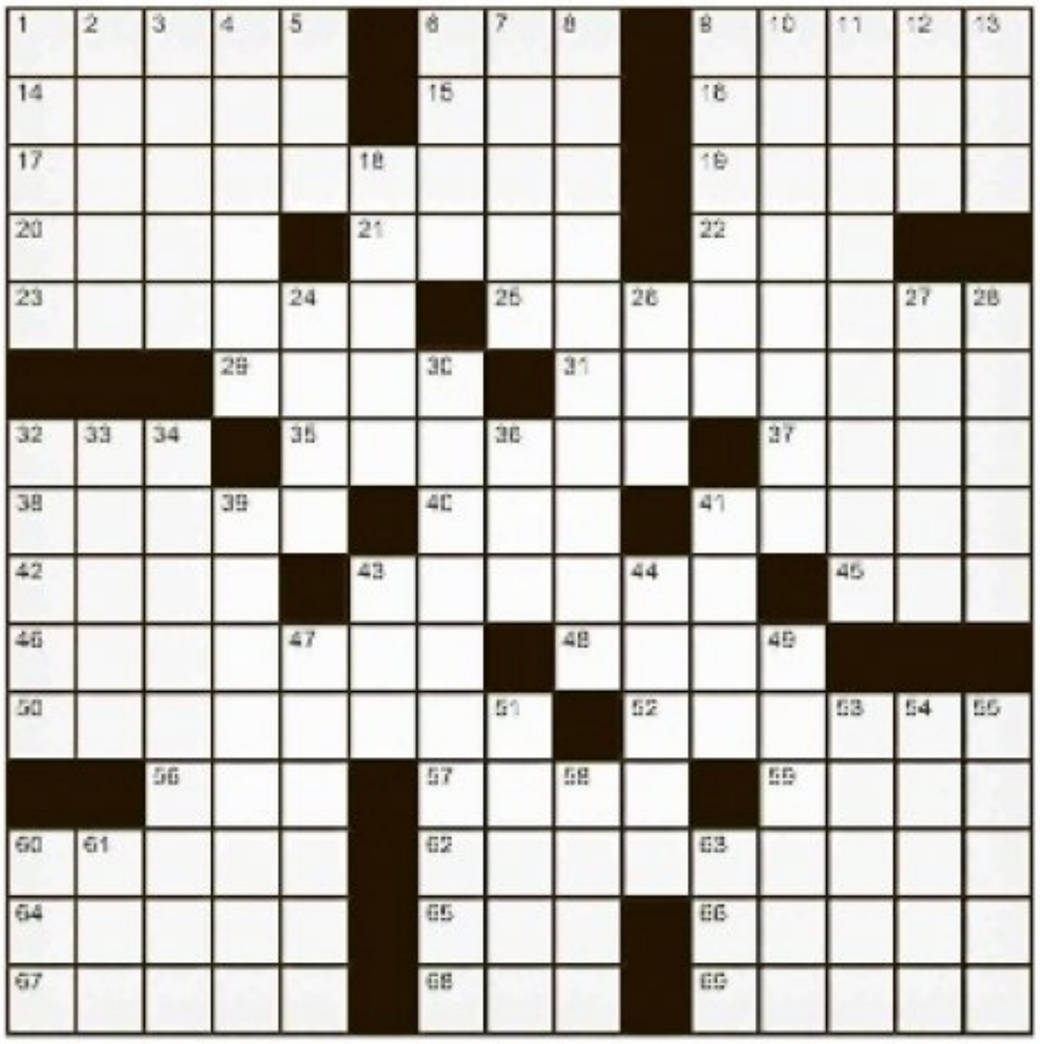

ACROSS
1. Trudges
6. Samantha _? (2007 to 2009 comedy series starring Christina Applegate)
9. He was a Titan
14. Ms. Linney
15. Poetic occurrence
16. Jokes-filled celebrity tribute
17. Mindful/considerate
19. Devil
20. Computers: Prefix to 'byte'
21. Like __ not...
22. Notes __ Scandal (2006)
23. Excused from
25. Nonchalantly
29. Water bird
31. BC: _ Mountains Provincial Park
32. Unhappy
35. Actually
37. Reclined
38. Prefix to 'comedy' (Theatrical genre)
40. Also
41. "So __ a song of love, Julia." - The Beatles
42. "The Simpsons" bus driver
43. _-_ Clan (Hip-Hop group)
45. 'Legal' suffix
46. More churned
48. Bagpiper's outfit piece
50. Dutch painter, Piet _ (b.1872 - d.1944)
52. Defends
56. Crete's country, curtly
57. Rich
59. Don Juan type
60. Electric shavers name
62. Thankfulness
64. Thicket
65. Request
66. Shock weapon
67. Second-year students, briefly
68. Observe
69. Skirt alternative

DOWN
1. _ glass windows
2. Disposable gloves material
3. Off-the-wall
4. Imagined
5. _ Antonio, Texas
6. Speck
7. Mayhem
8. Part of organist The Phantom's attire: 2 wds.
9. Zeal
10. They're part of a mani-pedi spa treatment
11. Vacation destination in the Charlevoix region of Quebec that's home to the Fairmont Le Manoir Richelieu resort (TRIVIA! 1909 to 1913 US President William H. Taft owned a place there): 2 wds.
12. Mount _ (Volcano of Japan)
13. RR depot
18. Book's name, en francais
24. Ms. Gilpin of Frasier
26. Pronounce
27. Butcher offerings
28. Toronto's long street
30. Energy source found deep within sedimentary rock layers: 2 wds.
32. Wild whack of weather
33. Star Wars: _-Detoo
34. Tinder, e.g.: 2 wds.
36. Hollywood workplace
39. 1970 Neil Young album: 'After the __'
41. 'Snow house' in Inuktitut
43. Dynasty of China
44. 'N' of SNL
47. Singer Ms. Cara's
49. Seafood side serving, _ sauce
51. _ back to health
53. Inspire with spirit
54. Fellows
55. Clairvoyants
58. Objective/reason
60. Ancient yrs.
61. Pal of Tigger
63. "_ better be!"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is an excellent day to introduce reforms and improvements at work. Don't hesitate to make a suggestion. You might even see ways to improve your own health.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You have a lot of energy to play, as well as to approach creative projects. Some of you might attract a powerful person in a romantic situation. An interesting day!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Family discussions will be intense. But the intention will be to try to improve something at home, especially in areas related to bathrooms, laundry, recycling and plumbing

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You are very convincing today! This is a powerful day for those of you who sell, market, teach, act or write for a living. Nobody stands a chance against you!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You might see new ways to earn money today. You also might see new uses or applications for something that you already own.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Take a realistic look in the mirror today and ask yourself what you can do to improve your image. (You never get a second chance to make a first impression.)

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is an excellent day for research of any kind. You will instinctively go for the jugular and find what you're looking for.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you work with someone today, your combined efforts can introduce improvements or help those who are less fortunate. You might meet someone very powerful.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be careful in all your dealing with bosses and authority figures, because they will be intense. This is not the day to go out on a limb unless you have done your homework

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Discussions about politics, religion and racial issues are intense. However, you will start to see something with a fresh eye.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Discussions about shared property and debt will be powerful today, but things will be resolved. Keep the faith that you can improve something, even a financial relationship.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Conversations with partners and close friends are serious today. However, there is a possibility of scrutinizing a relationship with the intention of improving it.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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